August 24, 2020

Mr. Sam Schuchat Executive Officer State Coastal Conservancy 1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

As the City Manager representing the City of Imperial Beach, I am writing this letter to convey my support for the County's application to the Coastal Conservancy (Item #10) to fund an analysis to determine the best way to connect the California Coastal Trail through the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TRVRP) to Border Field State Park and ultimately the coast.

In 2012 and 2013, the Coastal Conservancy granted the County of San Diego a total of \$1.95 million for the development of today's 6.75 miles of trails that are now interconnected with 22.5 miles of trails within the TRVRP. This existing trail network includes several connections that bring trail users south into the TRVRP from Imperial Beach and the community of San Ysidro. However, existing conditions at each of these connection points prevents year-round southerly access for trail users. It is the overall goal of the County's current efforts to provide a larger improvement, such as a bridge, at one of the potential north-south crossing points, which would ultimately help to close an approximately two-mile gap of the California Coastal Trail by utilizing existing County trails.

The completion of the California Coastal Trail within the Tijuana River Valley is an important and long sought goal for the County, as the complete trail will provide opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and education; all of which contribute to improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the region. I appreciate the opportunity to convey my support and request the approval for Item 10.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and consideration.

Sincerely,

Andy Hall City Manager

## Exhibit 3: Project Letters (Addendum)

Letter of Support for the Coastal Trail Grant Application August  $11^{th}$ , 2020

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer State Coastal Conservancy 1515 Clay St., 10th Floor. Oakland, Ca. 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

On behalf of the Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association I would very much like to express my support for the grant application for the South San Diego Coastal Trail Feasibility Study Project by the County of San Diego.

We are an equestrian group located in the area of the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park. We are dedicated to the preservation and improvement of this unique coastal area. This trail system is a valuable resource for horseback riders, cyclists and hikers throughout San Diego County.

The trail system is extensive but two of the three north/south river crossings are subject to severe winter flooding. The third crossing is on a narrow road bridge with fairly heavy traffic. There are actually two bridges. One has a trail bridge alongside, which works very well, but the other does not even have a shoulder. This whole situation really limits the usability of the trail system. Winter flooding often renders the off road crossings unusable for many months even after the rains have ended.

We feel that something that's as important as the California Coastal Trail should be complete and usable year round. This project is focused on solving this problem. It would also be a tremendous enhancement to the entire trail system in this area for people to enjoy for many years to come. We hope that you will see as much value in this project as we do!

Sincerely,

Victoria H. Krauss, TRVEA Vice President

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